

## **CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP**

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The following is from *Sedition in Missions* by Michael D. McCubbins:

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) in the United States was invaded and taken over by Pentecostals quite a few years ago. In 1988 there was a major split in CEF with twenty-two of their chapters leaving and calling themselves Child Evangelism Fellowship Conservative. As a result of the objections of CEF, the new group changed their name to Child Evangelism Ministries, and in 1991 to Gospel Ministries to Children. The conservative element left CEF because of disagreements with the leadership.

The conservatives believed in the Security of the Believer, and the leadership did not. The conservatives were against the Charismatic movement, but the leadership was Charismatic. The conservatives believed that their workers should be members of local churches, and the leadership did not. The conservatives held to salvation by faith, while the leadership had shifted to lordship salvation. The conservatives were opposed to ties being created with the National Council of Churches and Billy Graham.

This same situation had occurred much earlier in Paraguay. Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is known in Paraguay as Liga Paraguay a pro Evangelismo de Nifios (LIPEN). When the national churches were trying to discontinue cooperation with CEF, many missionaries were pressuring them to continue (Michael D. McCubbins, *Sedition in Missions*, 1996, p. 16, Bethel Baptist Bookstore, 754 East Rockhill Road, Sellersville, PA 18960).